

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 3, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 895

Introduced by Assembly Member Steinberg

February 20, 2003

~~An act relating to public lands. An act to add Division 22.4 (commencing with Section 32400) to the Public Resources Code, relating to the Lower American River-Sacramento River Conservancy.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 895, as amended, Steinberg. ~~Public lands: conservancy~~ *Lower American River-Sacramento River Conservancy.*

Existing law provides for the establishment of a conservancy for the acquisition and management of public lands for specified purposes.

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to establish a conservancy to acquire and manage public lands along and adjacent to the lower American and Sacramento Rivers~~ *establish the Lower American River-Sacramento River Conservancy to acquire and manage public lands in the Lower American River-Sacramento River corridor and would prescribe the powers and duties of the conservancy.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a~~
- 2 *SECTION 1. Division 22.4 (commencing with Section 32400)*
- 3 *is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:*
- 4

*DIVISION 22.4. LOWER AMERICAN
RIVER-SACRAMENTO RIVER CONSERVANCY*

CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

*32400. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the
Lower American River-Sacramento River Conservancy Act.*

*32401. The Legislature finds and declares both of the
following:*

*(a) The corridor of the Lower American and Sacramento
Rivers is a key component of the Sacramento River Flood Control
Project. The corridor contains valuable natural resources that can
be preserved and enhanced for the benefit of present and future
generations, as well as opportunities to provide increased access
for recreational and educational purposes.*

*(b) Coordinated planning and the preservation and
management of lands within the corridor will provide a benefit for
the citizens of California.*

*32402. As used in this division, the following terms having the
following meaning:*

*(a) "Board" means the governing board of the Lower
American River-Sacramento River Conservancy.*

*(b) "Conservancy" means the Lower American
River-Sacramento River Conservancy.*

*(c) "Lower American River-Sacramento River corridor"
means lands in Sacramento, Yolo, or Sutter Counties along and
adjacent to the Lower American River downstream of Folsom
Dam, the Sacramento River from the Fremont Weir to Courtland,
the Yolo Bypass, and tributaries as may be identified by the board.*

CHAPTER 2.

LOWER AMERICAN RIVER-SACRAMENTO RIVER CONSERVANCY

*32405. (a) There is in the Resources Agency, the Lower
American River-Sacramento River Conservancy, which is created
as a state agency for the following purposes:*

*(a) To acquire and manage public lands in the Lower American
River-Sacramento River corridor.*

(b) To provide for the safe containment of flood waters.

1 (c) To preserve and enhance the natural features of the acquired
2 lands.

3 (3) To enhance public access for recreational and educational
4 purposes.

5 32406. (a) The conservancy shall develop a plan to guide its
6 acquisition and management of lands. The plan shall further the
7 purposes set forth in Section 32405. The conservancy shall
8 formulate the plan in consideration of all of the following:

9 (1) The need to safely convey flood waters through the corridor.

10 (2) Opportunities to preserve and enhance the natural
11 resources of the corridor.

12 (3) Present and planned development in areas adjacent to the
13 corridor.

14 (b) In developing the plan, the conservancy shall provide
15 opportunity for input from the public and public agencies and shall
16 coordinate with local jurisdictions with land use authority
17 extending to the corridor.

18 (c) The conservancy may prioritize and implement the
19 acquisition and management of land in accordance with the plan
20 and with the plan recommendations.

21 (d) The conservancy may only approve projects funded by the
22 conservancy that advance the policies and priorities set forth in this
23 division.

24 32407. (a) The conservancy may not acquire any land
25 without the approval of the local public agency responsible for
26 zoning or otherwise regulating use of the affected land.

27 (b) The conservancy shall contract with the Sacramento Area
28 Flood Control Agency to provide staffing and administrative
29 functions.

30 (c) The conservancy shall coordinate its actions with
31 appropriate federal and state agencies.

32 32408. The board shall consist of the following voting
33 members and nonvoting members appointed as follows:

34 (a) ____

35 ~~conservancy to acquire and manage public lands along and~~
36 ~~adjacent to the lower American and Sacramento Rivers.~~

